

Justice Studies 10
INTRODUCTION TO JUSTICE STUDIES
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Course Description

We will survey the historical and philosophical development of the criminal justice system. Course covers description, analysis and evaluation of the components of the system: police, courts and corrections. We will look at how the system works, the relationship between theory and practice, and individual rights in a democratic society.

Course Objectives

1. To provide an understanding of the nature of crime in the U.S.
2. To provide knowledge and understanding of the structure, processes and goals of the criminal justice system.
3. To provide an understanding of the relationship between the agencies which make up the criminal justice system.

Text

Inciardi: Criminal Justice (7th edition recommended, older editions OK)
Inciardi: Criminal Justice Student Study Guide (*strongly recommended*)
Champion: American Dictionary of Criminal Justice (*strongly recommended for JS majors*)

Method of Instruction

Lectures, guest speakers, video presentations, field observation and class debate/discussion. Chapter outlines and video questions are online at: <http://www.sjsu.edu/faculty/hagemann>. Outlines are for use during lectures; responses to video questions must be typed up and turned in the class following the video presentation.

Evaluation Grades for JS 10 will be determined as follows:

4 Examinations (18% each)	72%
Field Observation Write Up	18%
Class participation/Quizzes	10%

Tests will have multiple choice, T-F, fill-in, and essay questions. Exams will cover material from text, lectures, guest speakers, handouts, and video presentations.

Make up exams will be essay style and should be made up as soon as possible after the exam. You may only make up one exam; arrange make-up prior to missing the scheduled exam.

Field Observations and write up must be done according to format provided. They must be typed, double-spaced, and well written. Grammar, punctuation, and spelling count – please proofread before you submit.

Class Participation is encouraged and expected. You will be evaluated based upon your contributions to the class. In addition there will be unannounced “pop quizzes” and class debates – come prepared. Plan to speak up!

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Class Schedule

Read the chapters listed and be prepared to discuss in class on the dates indicated. Please note: There will be at least one pop quiz for each unit. **Do yourself a favor – read thoroughly!**

Important Note: If you need course adaptation or accommodations because of a disability, or if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please see me during office hours. ☺

The Justice System

Aug. 24	Introduction and Overview of class Begin Ch.1
Aug. 29	Ch.1 "C.J. in America" & Ch. 2 "Crime and the Nature of Law"
Aug. 31	Chapter 3 "Legal and Behavioral Aspects of Crime"
Sept. 5	Holiday... Get a jump on the rest of class – read Chapters 4 & 5!
Sept. 7	Movie: <i>Crime in the Suites</i> (Discussion: <i>White collar crime</i>)
Sept. 12	Chapter 4 "Criminal Statistics and the Extent of Crime"
Sept. 14	Chapter 5 "The Process of Justice: An Overview"
Sept. 19	Exam I: The Justice System

The Police

Sept. 21	Chapter 6 "History and Structure of Police Systems in U.S."
Sept. 26	Chapter 7 "Enforcing the Law and Keeping the Peace...in the U.S."
Sept. 28	Movie: <i>Cops Behind the Badge</i> (Discussion: <i>Police Corruption</i>)
Oct. 3	Guest Speaker
Oct. 5	Chapter 8 "Law of Arrest, Search and Seizure: The Police and the Constitution"
Oct. 10	Movie: <i>Law & Order with Peter Jennings</i> (Discussion: <i>Search & Seizure</i>)
Oct. 12	Guest Speaker
Oct. 17	Exam II: The Police

The Courts

Oct. 19	Chapter 10 "History and Structure of the American Courts"
Oct. 24	Chapter 11 "The Courtroom Work Group"
Oct. 26	Guest speaker
Oct. 31	Chapter 12 "The Business of the Court..."
Nov. 2	Guest speaker
Nov. 7	Chapter 13 (p. 368-386 only) "Sentencing"
Nov. 9	Review for Exam III/Catch up day
Nov. 14	Exam III: The Courts

Corrections

Nov. 16	Chapter 14 "The History of American Prisons"
Nov. 21	Movie: <i>Crimes and Punishments</i> (Discussion: What works in corrections?)
Nov. 23	Chapter 15 "Penitentiaries, Prisons and other Correctional Institutions"
Nov. 28	Chapter 17 "Probation. Parole and Community Based Corrections"
Nov. 30	Guest speaker
Dec. 5	Movie: <i>Parole</i>
Dec. 7	Review for final
Thurs. Dec. 15	Exam IV: Corrections 9:45 AM – 12:00 Noon

Dates to remember: Exam I (The Justice System) Monday Sept. 19
Exam II (The Police) Monday Oct. 17
Exam III (The Court System) Monday Nov. 14
Exam IV (The Correctional System) Thursday, Dec.15 9:45-12:00

Exam IV is the final exam and will be comprehensive in regard to theories & philosophies regarding various aspects of the Justice System (reasons for criminal behavior, various approaches to correctional punishment, etc.)

Field Observation Write Ups:

Turn in your write up as soon as possible after completing your field observation, but no later than:

Police Ride Along Write Up Due	Monday, Oct. 24
Court Observations Write Up Due	Wednesday, Dec. 7

There will be three field trips this semester

Dates will be announced as soon as they are scheduled:

Tour of Police Department
Tour of Alcatraz -- Saturday, October 8, 2005 8:30 AM-1:00 PM
Tour of Santa Clara Co. Main Jail Friday, November 18, 9:00 -11:30 AM